

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2005

The Planning Board continues to work on the Master Plan with the intention of presenting it to the Town for acceptance at the March 2006 Town meeting. This is not a “new” Plan but an update of the previous Plan. There should not be a lot of changes. The Town seems to have done well under the existing Plan with the majority of residents indicating that they wanted things to stay the way they are, with some exceptions. We feel with this updated instrument we will be able to make adjustments to the Town Ordinances that reflect the needs and wants of the Town. This includes not only the desires of people but the environmental needs of land and water protection as well. We hope that you will support this when it comes to a vote. Remember the Master Plan does not make any rules or regulations it is only the guideline for other Town regulations.

During the year we were presented with some wonderful maps of the Squam Lakes watershed that were prepared by a coalition of organizations. They are quite colorful and descriptive of what exists, both manmade and natural. If you would like to view these please contact a member of the Planning Board or come to a Planning Board meeting.

The monthly meetings have been interesting with no activity one month and several applications the following month. If you have a question regarding a future building project or possible land subdivision the Municipal Secretary and Compliance Officer are quite helpful in getting you started in the right direction. Also the Planning Board is available for informational meetings. Please remember that it is your responsibility to design and complete your plans for application to the Planning Board. We can assist you and give some direction but the plan itself is up to you.

We are looking for several new members to the Board. Please contact the Town Administrator if you are interested. This involves a meeting a month, with perhaps a couple of work sessions and a site visit or two on occasions. If you have any questions please contact the Chairman or any other member of the Board.

Our meetings are on the third Thursday of the month (unless otherwise posted) upstairs in the Town Hall at 7:00 PM. They are open to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Holderness Planning Board
Earl Hansen, Chairman
Bob Snelling, Vice Chairman
Joanna Tuveson, Secretary
Susanne Peoples, Selectmen Liaison
Bill Waldrip
Angie Francesco
Nancy Scothorne
Dave Horton

HOLDERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2005 brought new faces and a lot of experience to the Holderness Police Department. In April, we hired Barry Tanner. Barry was previously employed by the Plymouth Police Department as a Detective/Sergeant. Barry started his career in Haverhill, NH before accepting a position with the Plymouth Police Department. Barry was hired to fill a newly created position of Lieutenant. He currently is in charge of overseeing the daily operations of the police department and investigations. Barry has twelve years of law enforcement experience and is asset to the department and the community.



In April, Sergeant Shawn Magoon accepted a position with the New Hampshire Division of Highway Patrol and Enforcement. Shawn was a thirteen year veteran of the department. He served the town well during his career in Holderness. We wish him all the best as he begins his new job with the State and thank him for his years of service to the town.

During the summer months, we were faced with the reality that we could not find any experienced part-time police officers to assist us through our busiest time of the year. I worked with the Holderness Private School to assist them in searching for a new security officer, as they were also having some difficulty finding a person to fill this position. During our meetings



Administrative Assistant Stephanie Oleson,
Officer Erik Difilippe, Lt. Barry Tanner,
Chief Jeremiah Patridge, SRO Michael Barney,
Officer David Bourne, Prosecutor Robert Libby

with the school, the concept of a School Resource Officer was then created. The concept was that The Holderness School would share a full-time certified police officer with the police department. During the nine months that the students are in session at the school the officer would be assigned to serve at the school and during the three months that the students are on summer leave, the police department would be able to use this officer rather than hire part-time officers.

In December this concept became reality. We hired Michael Barney a Sergeant with the Plymouth State University Police Department. Mike came to us with six years experience as a full-time certified police officer. Mike will also become our new DARE officer at the elementary school. Mike has worked in a school environment his entire career and is certified to teach drug and alcohol related courses. The school and the police department were happy to hire an experienced officer like Mike to fill this important position.



We will continue to hire experienced officer's that allow the police department to provide the citizens and visitors of the Town of Holderness with the highest quality of service and cutting-edge technology to keep our community a safe place to live.

Please join me in thanking Lieutenant Tanner, Officer Difilippe, Officer Bourne and Officer Barney for the tremendous and exhausting work that they do each and every day.

I would like to thank the Town's people, members of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, Highway Department and Town Hall for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremiah Patridge
Chief of Police

2005 POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

911 Hang-up	39	Lost / Found Property	22
Abandoning A Vehicle	6	Missing / Wanted Persons	7
Alarm (Business, Residential, & Fire) . . .	144	Motor Vehicle Accidents	70
Alcohol Offenses	16	Motor Vehicle Accident (Fatality)	1
Animal Involved Incidents.	74	Motor Vehicle Citations	78
Arrests (Total)	50	Motor Vehicle Complaint.....	77
Assist Other Departments	207	Motor Vehicle Lockout	4
Attempt To Commit Burglary	1	Motor Vehicle Warnings	916
Attempt To Locate	2	Motorist Assist	90
Attempted Suicide	1	Noise Complaint	17
Bench Warrant	3	Obstructing The Report Of A Crime	1
Burglary	5	Officer Follow-up	135
Citizen Request Assistance	54	Open/Unsecure Door	29
Civil Matter	11	Paper Service / Relay	20
Civil Standby	14	Parking Complaint / Info	13
Conduct After An Accident	1	Police Information	43
Criminal Mischief	21	Possession Of Contr. Drugs	4
Criminal Records	52	Protective Custody	7
Criminal Threatening.	1	Reckless Operation	3
Criminal Trespass.	16	Registration Of Sex Offender	4
Damaged Property	2	Resisting Arrest Or Detention	1
Directed Patrol (Including Radar) . . .	239	Runaway Juvenile	1
Disorderly Actions / Conduct.	16	Simple Assault	9
Domestic Disturbance	16	Subpoena Service.....	8
DWI	9	Suspicious Activity	68
False Report	2	Theft (All Thefts)	62
Felonious Sexual Assault.	1	Unruly Juvenile.....	1
Fingerprints - Job Applications	34	Untimely Or Unattended Death	4
Found Property.	16	Vacant House Check	333
Fraudulent Use Of Credit Card	3	VIN Verification.....	9
Gas Drive Off.	78	Welfare Check.....	15
Harassment.	10		
Issuing Bad Checks	12		
Littering	4		
		Totals	3,212

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2005 REPORT



*Public Works Department Staff – left to right:
Foreman Robert Potter; Director Peter Furmanick,
Dennis Hughes, and David Goodwin*

We were lucky that winter 2005 was not as severe as in past years. Snow amounts were average, and the storms were not as long. Due to the retirement of Stuart Sherburne in October 2004, our crew was without a fourth person until January. On January 7th, we hired David Goodwin. David previously worked for the Town of Plymouth and brings a great deal of knowledge and skill to the job.

Despite the milder winter, spring brought an overabundance of MUD. We had mud everywhere. We had mud where we never had mud before. Some roads were so muddy, that we had to place 1 ½ inch stone onto the mud to make the road passable. These areas where we placed stone should be much firmer in the years to come. Because using stone is more costly, however, we did so in moderation.

Once the mud dried up, we went to work on our road projects. Four roads were chosen for repair this year: Shepard Hill Road (former College Road North), Marston Road, Oak Hill Road, and Stone Post Road. During our major road project, we reviewed and replaced where necessary, all the culverts that were on the roads that we were to rebuild or repair. On Shepard Hill Road, we re-ground a portion of the road. New gravel was added to the re-ground portion. All of the rotted culverts were replaced. A drainage swale was also added at the top of the hill to direct the water. Then this road was paved from Route 3 at White Oak Pond, to the intersection of Coxboro Road. We also repaired some drainage swales near the Manor. On Marston Road, we were unable to grind and reshape this road because of underground utilities. All the asphalt was removed and we added an additional 8 inches of gravel. This allowed us to reshape the road. A new culvert was added to accommodate the new drainage. New pavement went from Route 3 to Sheppard Hill intersection. Oak Hill Road just needed new pavement and some ditch-work. This road was paved completely. Stone Post Road needed a complete rebuild, some ditching and culvert replacement. The entire length of this road was reground and 8 inches of new gravel was added. New pavement was added to its entire length.

Again this year we did a work exchange with the Ashland Highway Department. Our grader and our operator did some ditch work in Ashland and Ashland did roadside mowing in return. A big thank you goes to Mark Ober and his crew for their continued cooperation.

We did an emergency repair on the culvert leading from the dam at the Holderness School. Problems with the old culvert caused a washout on the road. Large rocks were added to the out-flow side of the culvert to stabilize the slope.

We cleaned-up debris after high winds caused problems around Town especially near Highland Links Golf Course. Ditching was done on some roads, and will continue into the coming year.



Our new F-550 arrived late due to Ford production problems. It arrived right at the Thanksgiving Holiday. Meredith Ford has always been good to this Town. They allowed us to keep our trade in until after New Year while the new truck was being set up. What a great place to do business. I want to thank Todd Lambert and the crew at Meredith Ford.

After we accepted delivery of the truck from Meredith Ford, it went to E.W.Sleeper in Concord for installation of the dump body and hydraulics to run the body. They had it longer than expected. After the body was put on, the truck went to Hawkensen's Equipment Company in Plymouth for installation of the plow and sander. Steve Huss and his crew have also been very good to this town. Another great place to do business.

The Holderness DPW would like to thank Dean Perkins of Seven Pines Road for his generous donation of a Fisher woodstove. This stove is just what we need to use up all the blown down trees that we clean up.

It was a very busy spring and summer for us here. Fall is the usual catch up time. Then we head into winter and begin our cycle all over again.

I am very proud to work with such a dedicated crew. I wish to thank Bob Potter, Dennis Hughes, and David Goodwin for their commitment to this department. And I especially thank their families for accepting and supporting that commitment.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Furmanick

HOLDERNESS RECREATION REPORT 2005

It is hard to believe that my first year as your Recreation Director has already come and gone. When I was little, I remember the days, weeks and summers passing as though each were a year-long. Nowadays, a year doesn't even seem like enough time to get everything done. It has been an exciting, fun and productive year here at Holderness Recreation.



*Recreation Director
Wendy Werner*

Holderness Recreation started off the 2005 year with a timeless tradition of the skating program held at the Holderness School Ice Rink, thanks to the prep school's generosity and cooperation. Throughout the year the department offered a variety of classes and programs including: A sugaring series with Longhaul Farm, Archery classes, Early Bird Exercise, Snowshoeing, Swimming at PSU, Basic Quilting, Volleyball, Mixed Games Days, Pet First Aid, Yoga, Rug Hooking, Adult Indoor Soccer, Aerobics, Fairy Gardens, Goals Galore Soccer Camp, MVP Baseball Camp, Tot Time Playgroup, Swimming Lessons, Summer Day Camp, Kids Crafts, 1st Annual Harvest Festival, and more.

The past year has been a time to observe the programs that were in place, try out new ones, and discard some that were less popular. There were minor changes made to the Day Camp that we feel helped to bring in a younger average age group. Our hope is that by capturing the interest of the younger kids, we will have them in our programs for years to come and rebuild our camper base. As we look to the 2006 camp season, we are planning to offer earlier care in the morning as well as extended hours in the afternoon to better accommodate working parents. Last year we were blessed with a wonderful staff led by a great Day Camp Director, Angie Ricciardi. We can only hope that they will all return for next summer.

One of my roles as the Recreation Director is to continue to expand my knowledge in the field of Parks and Recreation. To this end I have joined the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association. This Association is made up of recreation and park professionals from all over the state, and the benefits of joining are endless. We meet both regionally as well as at the state level. Some of our activities include sharing ideas, networking with others in the field, and rallying for state and national support on parks and recreation issues that may affect our communities.

Holderness Recreation continues to maintain a scholarship account that is separate from its operating budget. In this account we accept monetary donations to be applied to program scholarships for residents, to equipment purchases, and to special programming. We are grateful for the generous donation made in 2005 by Camp Deerwood. We were able to send 4 campers to our day camp using scholarship money from this account. Anyone who is interested in donating money to this fund may contact one of

the board members or Wendy Werner in the office.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Camp Deerwood again for providing CPR training for our summer staff. We would also like to thank the Holderness Central School administration, faculty and staff for their continued support of our programs and for use of the HCS facilities. Without the support of a number of volunteers or use of town facilities like the Fire/Police Safety building and the Town Hall, we would not be able to offer as much as we do.

A special “thank you” this year goes to Meredith Village Savings Bank for its generous donation of t-shirts for our Summer Day Camp. On a final note, we would like to thank the townspeople of Holderness for continued interest in and support of Holderness Recreation and its programs.

At the time of print, the Recreation Board is accepting applications for new committee members; please contact us if you are interested in the future of Holderness Recreation. Also, we continue to look to you, the townspeople, for ideas and suggestions for new and/or improved programs. Please do not hesitate to give us a call with your ideas and interests.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Sam Laverack, Selectman Liason
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Wendy Mersch
Janis Messier